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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6986 NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2012

BILL NUMBER: HB 1323 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Child Care and Development Fund.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Behning BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill specifies requirements that must be met by a child care provider as a condition of eligibility to receive a federal Child Care and Development Fund voucher payment. The bill sets forth a disciplinary process for suspension or revocation of eligibility.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Impact to the Division of Family Resources (DFR): This bill establishes new requirements for child care providers (child care homes, centers, and individuals providing child care) as a condition of receiving Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) voucher payments. The Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) reports the DFR currently annually inspects child care providers who receive CCDF voucher payments to ensure they meet requirements in current law. If this bill increases the number of child care providers found in noncompliance, it is expected to increase DFR workload to reinspect child care providers for compliance. The FSSA reports the increases in workload will be absorbed under current staff and resource levels.

Department of Child Services (DCS): Under current law, all individuals have a duty to report child abuse and neglect to the DCS under IC 31-33-5-1 and IC 31-33-5-4. This bill specifies the requirement to report child abuse and neglect to the DCS includes volunteers and employees of a child care provider. The DCS reports that any report of child abuse and neglect made with the DCS is currently investigated. The bill requires that if the DCS is required to investigate an employee or volunteer at a child care facility, that if a report of child abuse and neglect is substantiated at that facility, the DCS is required to send a copy of this report to the DFR. The DCS reports these requirements are currently being performed by the DCS. This provision is expected to have no fiscal impact.

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Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: FSSA, DCS.

Local Agencies Affected:

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